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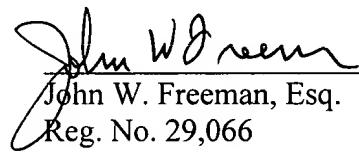
Applicants hereby submit that the enclosures fulfill the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825. The amendments in the specification merely insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and sequence identifiers in the specification, and replace the original informal drawings with formal drawings. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment.

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“Version With Markings to Show Changes Made”

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 12, line 7, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 3. DNA and protein sequence of streptokinase of *S. equisimilis* H46A (SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2, respectively) (GenBank accession number: gb/K02986/STRSKC).

Paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 6. DNA and protein sequence of the gene-segment encoding for FBDs 1-5 of human fibronectin (SEQ ID NOs:3 and 4, respectively) (the DNA sequence has been obtained from EMBL; the file and accession no.’s are ID-HSFIBI and [X 02761,K 00799, K 02273,X 00307, X 00739] X02761, K00799, K02273, X00307, X00739.

Paragraph beginning at page 12, line 32, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 11. Nucleotide sequence of SK-NTRN gene (SEQ ID NO:5).

Paragraph beginning at page 12, line 34, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 12. Predicted secondary structure of native (A) and translationally silently modified (B) 5'-ends of the SK gene sequence (SEQ ID NOs:27 and 28, respectively).

Paragraph beginning at page 13, line 7, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 14. Nucleotide sequence of SK-NTR gene (SEQ ID NO:6).

Paragraph beginning at page 13, line 9, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 15. Schematic depiction of the intergenic region of the chimeric SK-FBD(4,5) gene (above: SEQ ID NO:8; below: SEQ ID NO:7) highlighting the design of a gly-gly-gly sequence, a transglutaminase cross-linking site and several unique restriction enzyme sites wherein different inter-genic cassettes can be conveniently swapped into this region. Also shown is the

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location of the natural Bsm I site in the SK gene which was exploited as the common junction point for joining the FBD sequences to the SK gene.

Paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 17b. DNA sequencing data of SK-FBD(4,5) hybrid cassette in T7 expression vector, pET23(d) (SEQ ID NO:9).

Paragraph beginning at page 13, line 33, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 19b. DNA sequencing data of SK-FBD(1,2) hybrid cassette in T7 expression vector (SEQ ID NO:10).

Paragraph beginning at page 14, line 4, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 21b. DNA sequencing data of FBD(4,5)-SK gene block as present in the T7 expression vector pET23(d)-FBD(4,5)-SK (SEQ ID NO:11).

Paragraph beginning at page 14, line 10, has been amended as follows:

Fig. 22b. DNA sequencing data of FBD(4,5)-SK-FBD(4,5) gene block as present in the T7 expression vector pET23(d)FBD(4,5)-SK-FBD(4,5) (SEQ ID NO:12).

Paragraph beginning at page 29, line 10, has been amended as follows:

RG-7 (forward primer)

5'-ATT GCT GGA CCT GAG TGG CT-3' (SEQ ID NO:25)

(specific for the first seven codons of the SK gene; Cf Fig. 11)

Paragraph beginning at page 29, line 15, has been amended as follows:

RG-6 (reverse primer)

5'-TGG TTT TGA TTT TGG ACT-3' (SEQ ID NO:26)

(specific for codons 57-62 of SK gene)

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Paragraph beginning at page 32, line 4, has been amended as follows:

SCI-I

5'-C ATG ATA GCT GGT CCT GAA TGG CTA CTA GAT CGT CCT TCT GTA AAT AAC AGC C-3' (SEQ ID NO:13)

(Partial Ncol site)

Paragraph beginning at page 32, line 10, has been amended as follows:

SC-II

5'-AA TTG GCT GTT ATT TAC AGA AGG ACG ATC TAG TAG CCA TTC AGG ACC AGC TAT-3' (SEQ ID NO:14)

(Partial MfeI site)

Paragraph beginning at page 32, line 31, has been amended as follows:

Mfe I primer: 5'-C-AGC-CAA-TTG-GTT-GTT-AGC-GTT-GCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:15)

Paragraph beginning at page 37, line 24, has been amended as follows:

Forward primer (MY 13);

5'-CCG GAA TTC GCG CAA CAG ATT GTA CCC ATA GCT GAG AAG TGT TTT GA-3' (SEQ ID NO:16)

Eco R1	Tansglutaminase-recognition sequence	hybridizes to upstream FBD(4,5) sequences
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GA-3' (SEQ ID NO:16)

Paragraph beginning at page 37, line 30, has been amended as follows:

Reverse primer (MY 14);

5'-GGC CTT AAG AGC GCT CTA ACG AAC ATC GGT GAA GGG GCG TCT A-3' (SEQ ID NO:17)

'clamp'	Afl II	Eco 47 III	stop codon	hybridizes to downstream FBD(4,5) sequences
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Paragraph beginning at page 38, line 27, has been amended as follows:

The sequence of primer RG-3 is given below highlighting features incorporated in its design (bold letters denote non-hybridizing segments towards the 5'-end of the primer to distinguish these from the sequence complementary with respect to template DNA).

5'-G AAT GCT AGC TAC CAT TTA GCT GGT GGT GGC CAG GCG CAA CAG
 Bsm I Bst X Xcm I Bal I segment hybridizing with the
 (hybridizes to SK 5'-end of DNA block
 gene at codons 376-383) (-gly-gly-gly-) from PCR-1 at the TG
 recognition site
 ATT GTA CCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:18)

Paragraph beginning at page 45, line 1, has been amended as follows:

Upstream primer, MY-10

SK sequence (codons 377-383; Cf. Fig. 3)

5'-G-TAC-GGA-TCC G-AAT-GCT-AGC-TAT-CAT-TTA-GCG-GGT-GGT-GGT-
Bam HI Bsm I (gly-gly-gly-)

CAG-GCG-CAG-CAA-ATG-GTT-3' (SEQ ID NO:19)

hybridizes at the TG-recogntn. site just before the FBD sequences

Paragraph beginning at page 45, line 9, has been amended as follows:

Downstream primer, MY-6

5'-GGC-CTT-AAG-AGC-GCT-CTA-TTA-GAT-GGT-ACA-GCT-TAT-TCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:20)

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Paragraph beginning at page 49, line 1, has been amended as follows:

Upstream PCR-I primer KRG-8:

Transglutamate recognition site

<u>5'-CC-ATG-GTG-CAA-GCA-CAA-CAG-ATT-GTA-CCC-ATA-GCT-GAG-AAG-</u> Partial Nco I site	150 152 154	<u>hybridizes to [beginning]</u> <u>beginning of FBD(4) segment</u> <u>(codon numbers of FBD are</u> <u>shown as per Fig.6)</u>
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TGT-3' (SEQ ID NO:21)

Paragraph beginning at page 49, line 9, has been amended as follows:

Downstream PCR-I primer KRG-9:

sequence complementary to codons 1-5 of SK (No.'s indicated below)

<u>5'-CTC-AGG-TCC-AGC-AAT-ACG-AAC-ATC-GGT-GAA-GGG-GCC-AGA-T-3'</u> 5 4 3 2 1 259 257 255 253 <u>(SEQ ID NO:22)</u>	<u>sequence hybridizing with end of FBD(5) segment</u> <u>(No.'s indicated are codons, as per Fig.6).</u>
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Paragraph beginning at page 49, line 21, has been amended as follows:

Upstream PCR-II primer, KRG-11

FBD(5) sequence, as overhang;
 Codon numbers (cf. Fig.6)
 are indicated

sequence hybridizing with
 SK gene; codon No.'s (Cf.
 Fig.3) are indicated

<u>5'-TTC-ACC-GAT-GTT-CGT - ATT-GCT-GGA-CCT-GAG-TGG-CTG-CTA-GAC-3'</u> 255 257 259 1 3 5 7 9 <u>(SEQ ID NO:23)</u>

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Paragraph beginning at page 49, line 29, has been amended as follows:

Upstream PCR-II primer, KRG-12

5' -TGG-TTT-TGA-TTT-TGG-ACT-TAA-GCC-TTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:24)

62 60 58 56 54

Note: sequence hybridizing with SK gene (codon No.'s are indicated; see Fig. 3)